

Castor Valley Elementary School Council Meeting

Thursday May 19th, 2016

Meeting began at 6:40pm.

Meeting was chaired by Cynara Corbin.

Attendance:

Voting Members (reached quorum):

Melanie Ritchie, Lisa Multari, Shannon Oaks, Deanna Morris, Lesley Parker, Tara Starzomski, Maria Armas, Carrie Merriam, Alka Moorjani, Jenni Bell, Nicole Eisner, Kaitlin Bedford, Tamara Legris, Elli Kapsalis, Melissa Ekdorn-Delorme, Cynara Corbin

Non-Voting Members and Guests in Attendance:

Chris Toivonen (Principal), Joanne LaCharity (Teacher Representative)

1. Welcome and Attendance

Cynara Corbin welcomes everyone to the meeting and commenced the meeting.

2. Approval of April Minutes

Cynara made a motion to approve the previous month's minutes. Jenni Bell approved and Maria Armas seconded the motion.

3. Approval of Agenda

Jenni Bell approved the agenda, seconded by Melanie Ritchie.

4. Co-Chair and Vice-Chair Reports

- Food Services

Johann is taking over the Poppa Jacks Popcorn June 7th. Doing it once a month plan for next year. It is really easy money. 267.00 (.90 a bag profit)

Four order dates. May 30th lunch coming up. (.25 a meal) It doesn't earn a ton of money but is easy. Melanie speaks to this with reference Face Book Group. Survey, concerns: not a lot of concerns other than first week. Issues were resolved. Why not participating? (\$, couldn't sign in). Most happy and want

service to continue and want to continue regular lunches as well. One person mentioned that it is unfair to children who are not part of the program. Melanie suggests making the reasons for lunch better known. Tamara notes children who need financial assistance could definitely be done. 92 responses. Never this much responses.

Tara and Johann cannot complete meals for the whole school although only the potato vender cannot accommodate the whole school. Three options. Whole school on a weekly basis. Whole school every other week. Third, keep the status quo. Lunch ladies for the Mondays. Cynara mentions Lunch Lady is available Mondays. Will Lunch Lady take away from our orders? Discussion.

Talk of putting out Lunch Lady information after regular fundraising lunch information to ensure fundraising success. Lunch Lady is not a fundraiser and parents should know this.

Cynara asks can we do more pizza days? Pizza is the most popular hot lunch at the school. Cynara wonders if we can look at increasing pizza days. More volunteers, baskets. Let's look at how to do this. Chris Toivonen notes that it may make more sense to just do Pizza, not chicken fingers. (.25 chicken fingers) 5500.00 made this year. I would propose Wednesday stay the same, Lunch Ladies will be Monday. Lunch Lady will not offer pizza. Lunch Lady has themed meals. Ex. Halloween, Fun Friday. Move Tara, seconded by Melanie. Alka, Does it skip Monday Stat holidays??? Cynara will ask.

-Library Committee

Melanie Ritchie speaks about the library committee. May 31, 2016 6:30 Tuesday in the Library with Librarian. General plan for improving library.

-Roles available next year.

Tammy Beaudry leaving her role. – Fundraising

Leslie Segal leaving her role. - Fun Night Event Coordinator

Shannon Oaks leaving her role. -Secretary

5. Principal, Teaching and Support Staff Reports

The school is busy and much is going on. Madame LaCharity and Ms. Merriam report. Mme. Shanna Tadpoles, Miss Reed Penny the puppy, Kindergarteners

chicks. Ms. Reed Attawapiskat items. Mme Beaupre was talking about a buddy bench for the kinder yard. Buddy bench would have an introductory activity created by Mme. Beaupre used each year by the grade ones. Would this be possible. Tamara notes that the Osgoode High School workshop could easily make this.

Track and Field. Concert. Primary choir went on field trip. Every single child said thank-you. Very busy.

-Principal Report

Joanne and Kerry and Ms. Kemp put on an incredible vocal group and choir show. Track and Field, soccer, basketball junior girls won gold. Through Ms Reed, one of the classes have decorated paper bags for the LCBO. Messages like "Do not drink and drive please." These bags will be given to customers over the long weekend.

Chris Toivonen and Mr. Boudreau went to a meeting re: tech, work spaces, the fluidity of students. The school excels in this new idea for learning.

Meet the Teacher barbeque is set for Sept 22, 2016. Grill Masters, First hour with teachers last half hour with bbq.

Chris Toivonen notes that there are many new positions being filled for next year. Labelle retiring. Tanya Beauloue.

Grade 6 English and French Courtney Wilson, Chris Hammill

Susanna Harris leaving. Resulted in shifts. Anderson 2/3 now. Opened up a kindergarten place taken by Michelle Hogan.

Kim Tustin hired. .2 kinder coverage. There is still positions to be filled. Exciting time.

6 Kinder, 5 grade ones (cap is 20), The Board can have 10% of kinder classes go above the cap. Hard cap is 23. The Board lets the school know. 3 grade 2's, a 2/3 2 2 grade 3s,

Septic, portable info. The number of portables is determined by the septic.

We are invaded by little ones. The grade ones are sitting at around 17 kids right now. The plan can change in October.

How will the gym handle the growth? Every class has 3 gym times. Outdoor times are used also. The kinders take the gym at recess. We have 2 and a half days with Corinne. Perhaps we will get more library time.

-Support Staff Reports

The custodian has had a smooth transition to Castor Valley. Mr. C looks forward to working with you and your children.

Corrinne- accepting returned books, library closure imminent

6. Financial Reports

PRO 400.00 left. Gail said it is usually around 300 or so. Changes in poppa Jack popcorn funds.

New Grad Dance ad hoc mentioned by Cynara (700.00) request. 200.00 allocated only. June 28th party. Cynara plans to email Eleanor Robinson regarding what they need. Follow up will be done.

7. Fundraising/Programs/Events Reports

-Fun Night. Three page email sent by Leslie Segal to Council. Indicates what is Booked/Confirmed. List of people and roles they will fill. (10 boxes minimum re Poppa Jacks.) smaller bags purchased. Beautiful posters made. Metcalfe, Greely advertisements done.

Scotiabank, they give volunteers and money. Minimum 1000.00 per person from Scotiabank up to 5000.00. Matching program. Tablecloths and the banner. These earnings will be used for the Kinderyard.

George Darouze asked to speak. It was offered for him to speak at the basket presentation. Elli, thank-you picture on the Facebook page.

Melanie suggests communicating what a cakewalk is. Circle of chairs. Musical chairs ...a number is pulled and that chair wins a cake. FB info about it. Tamara will watch the number of cakes. Redirect to bake sale.

Cyanra Corbin asks if anyone is available to oversee games at Fun Night. No one is available.

Cynara Corbin asks if anyone on Council has a propane connection. No one does.

Food donations. Does anyone know anyone at Foodland? Greely Foodland. Manotick. Checking with Foodland in Greely. Shannon, Cynara, Alka, Tara Coolers.

Help with student volunteers. The high school volunteers have done. Help with student volunteers, you are doing what and where and when. Elli Kapsalis suggests sending volunteer hours to high schools in September so the students can plan. Original survey may indicate individuals interested in volunteering. There may be more volunteers in that list. Teachers would like more info re WHERE and WHEN. Sign up list for teachers in staff room, with time slots and everything.

-Kinderyard

Tamara Legris reports that we have gone to tender with our choices. Teachers and Kids poled. The "site prep" is big. Half your cost is site prep. Mulch, sand. 57000.00 is where they are at 64000.00 has been suggested for the best option. Movie night ...STAR WARS. Mini silent auction, treats, it will be a fun night.

-Used Book Sale

Tara Starzomski notes that 810.00 was raised at the booksale. She noted a HUGE thank-you goes out to her volunteers.

-New Fundraisers (New Lunch Boxes etc,)

Melanie Ritchie, Nikki started a thread about lunch boxes on the Facebook Group. Group buy (10%) sent to the school in one big order. Melanie will sort the order for families. Take a look. There are also backpacks. Glass water bottles that don't break. CANADIAN COMPANY. Kaitlin Bedford asks if it was shared on Metcalfe Mom's.

Cynara mentions please keep FB conversations going. Share the info with friends please. It turns out it is a great way to gauge parents feelings about Council projects.

-Teacher appreciation lunch.

June 10th Friday (PD DAY) Nikki will call AJ's and the dishes need to be dropped off and picked up. 10 to 10:30 food drop. Library set up. Google spread sheet for food donation and time donation. Cups, napkins and etc. needed. 2 ish is the end. Gail

announces and teachers come down. Buffet style. The night before set-up.
Coordinating the day of needed.

8. Inclusive, Safe and Caring Schools Committee

Acts of Kindness leaves working really well. Elli suggests having a few people work together would be great.

Nothing else to report finished for the year.

Cynara asked if the teachers had questions. Suggestion of themed leaves for seasons, cherry blossoms. Gloria says her daughter noticed she didn't do anything for their community. Generated good discussion at their home.

9. OCASC

Alka Moorjani reported that the deputy ombudsman came to the meeting.
Tonight is the AGM. Alka will take a look at the minutes and report next meeting.

10. New Business

No new business to report on.

11. Important Dates

STAR WARS May 30th

Student Appreciation lunches June 6,7

Popcorn June 7th

Fun Night June 14th

12. Adjournment and Next Meeting

Motion to adjourn Melanie Ritchie, seconded by Tara Starzomski